



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1027

January Session, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING CHARITABLE BINGO AND SEALED TICKET SALES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 7-169 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (i) Prizes offered for the winning of bingo games may consist of
5 cash, merchandise, tickets for any lottery conducted under chapter 226,
6 the value of which shall be the purchase price printed on such tickets,
7 or other personal property. No permittee may offer a prize which
8 exceeds fifty dollars in value, except that (1) a permittee may offer a
9 prize or prizes on any one day of not less than fifty-one dollars nor
10 more than two hundred dollars in value provided the total value of
11 such prizes on any one day does not exceed [four] six hundred dollars,
12 (2) a permittee may offer one or two winner-take-all games or series of
13 games played on any day on which the permittee is allowed to
14 conduct bingo provided ninety per cent of all receipts from the sale of
15 bingo cards for said winner-take-all game or series of games shall be
16 awarded as prizes and provided each prize awarded does not exceed
17 five hundred dollars in value, (3) the holder of a Class A permit may
18 offer [an] two additional [prize] prizes on a weekly basis not to exceed
19 one hundred twenty-five dollars each as a special grand prize and in
20 the event such a special grand prize is not won, the money reserved for

21 such prize [may] shall be added to the money reserved for the next
22 week's special grand prize, provided no such special grand prize may
23 accumulate for more than sixteen weeks or exceed a total of two
24 thousand dollars, and (4) a permittee may award door prizes the
25 aggregate value of which shall not exceed two hundred dollars in
26 value. When more than one player wins on the call of the same
27 number, the designated prize shall be divided equally to the next
28 nearest dollar. If a permittee elects, no winner may receive a prize
29 which amounts to less than ten per cent of the announced prize and in
30 such case the total of such multiple prizes may exceed the statutory
31 limit of such game.

32 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 7-169h of the general statutes, as
33 amended by section 3 of public act 03-1 of the January 6 special
34 session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
35 (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

36 (c) (1) On and after October 1, 1987, the division may issue a permit
37 to sell sealed tickets to any organization or group specified in
38 subsection (d) of section 7-169 which holds a bingo permit issued in
39 accordance with the provisions of section 7-169. Such permit shall be
40 renewed annually.

41 (2) The division may issue a permit to sell sealed tickets to any
42 organization or group specified in subsection (d) of section 7-169
43 which holds a club permit or nonprofit club permit under the
44 provisions of chapter 545. Such permit shall be renewed annually.

45 (3) The division may issue a permit to sell sealed tickets to any
46 organization or group specified in section 7-172 which holds a permit
47 to operate a bazaar, issued in accordance with the provisions of
48 sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive.

49 (4) The division may issue a permit to sell sealed tickets to any
50 charitable, civic, educational, fraternal, veterans' or religious
51 organization, volunteer fire department or grange authorizing such
52 organization to sell sealed tickets in conjunction with any social

53 function or event sponsored or conducted by such organization. Any
54 such organization shall have been organized for not less than two
55 years prior to the date of its application for such permit. Such permit
56 shall be renewed annually.

57 Sec. 3. Subsections (e) and (f) of section 7-169h of the general
58 statutes, as amended by section 3 of public act 03-1 of the January 6
59 special session, are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
60 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

61 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of section 53-
62 278b and subsection (d) of section 53-278c, sealed tickets may be sold,
63 offered for sale, displayed or open to public view only (1) during the
64 course of a bingo game conducted in accordance with the provisions of
65 section 7-169 and only at the location at which such bingo game is
66 conducted, (2) on the premises of any such organization or group
67 specified in subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section, [or] (3)
68 during the conduct of a bazaar under the provisions of sections 7-170
69 to 7-186, inclusive, or (4) in conjunction with any social function or
70 event sponsored or conducted by any such organization specified in
71 subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of this section, as amended by this act.
72 Permittees may utilize a mechanical or electronic ticket dispensing
73 machine approved by the division to sell sealed tickets. Sealed tickets
74 shall not be sold to any person less than eighteen years of age. All
75 proceeds from the sale of tickets shall be used for a charitable purpose,
76 as defined in section 21a-190a.

77 (f) The fee for a permit to sell sealed tickets (1) issued to an
78 organization authorized to conduct bingo under a "Class A" or "Class
79 C" permit or to an organization specified in subdivision (4) of
80 subsection (c) of this section, as amended by this act, in conjunction
81 with any social function or event sponsored or conducted by such
82 organization shall be fifty dollars, (2) issued to an organization which
83 holds a club permit or nonprofit club permit under the provisions of
84 chapter 545 shall be seventy-five dollars, and (3) issued to an
85 organization authorized to conduct bingo under a "Class B" permit or

86 an organization which holds a permit to operate a bazaar shall be five
87 dollars per day.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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